



# X-MEN

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**FREEZE!**

DAMN.





# X-MEN

## GOLD

GENETICALLY GIFTED WITH UNCANNY ABILITIES, MUTANTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE NEXT STAGE OF HUMAN EVOLUTION. WHILE THE WORLD HATES AND FEARS THEM, KITTY PRYDE HAS REFORMED THE TEAM OF MUTANT HEROES KNOWN AS THE X-MEN TO USE THEIR POWERS FOR GOOD AND SPREAD A POSITIVE IMAGE OF MUTANTKIND.

## PREVIOUSLY IN *X-MEN GOLD*...

WHEN A NEW BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS ATTACKED THE UNITED NATIONS AND KIDNAPPED THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY, THEY REIGNITED THE DEBATE OVER WHETHER MUTANTS AND HUMANS CAN COEXIST PEACEFULLY. NOW, AFTER RESCUING THE MAYOR AND THE MIND-CONTROLLED MEMBERS OF THE BROTHERHOOD, THE X-MEN ARE MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO BETTER THE WORLD FOR BOTH MUTANTS AND HUMANS ALIKE.

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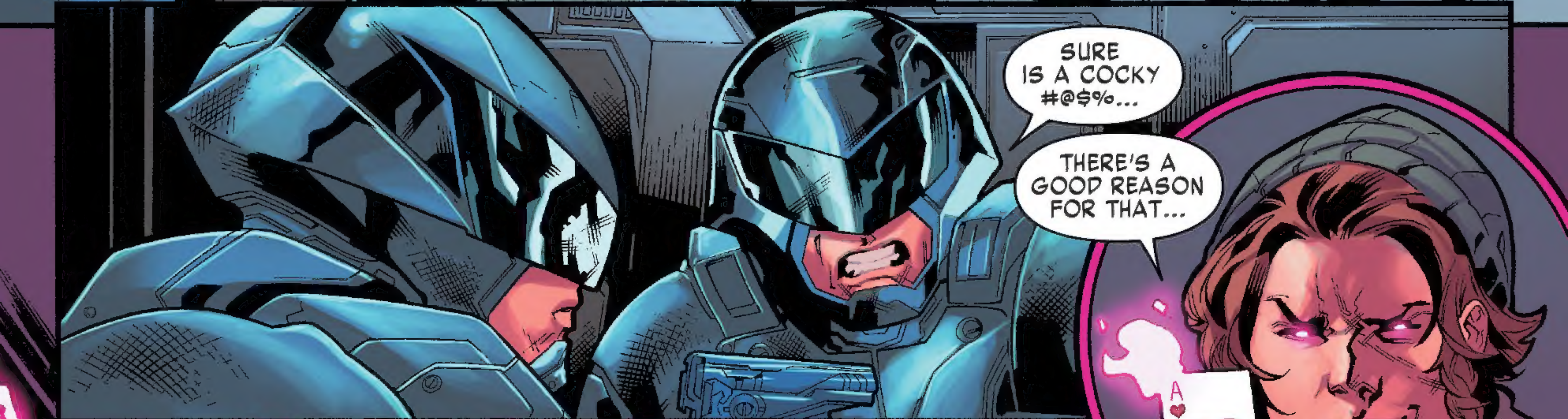
OLD MAN LOGAN





ON THE GROUND. LACE YOUR FINGERS BEHIND YOUR HEAD.

SORRY, MON AMI. CAN'T DO THAT. GOT BUSINESS HERE.



SURE IS A COCKY #@\$%...

THERE'S A GOOD REASON FOR THAT...

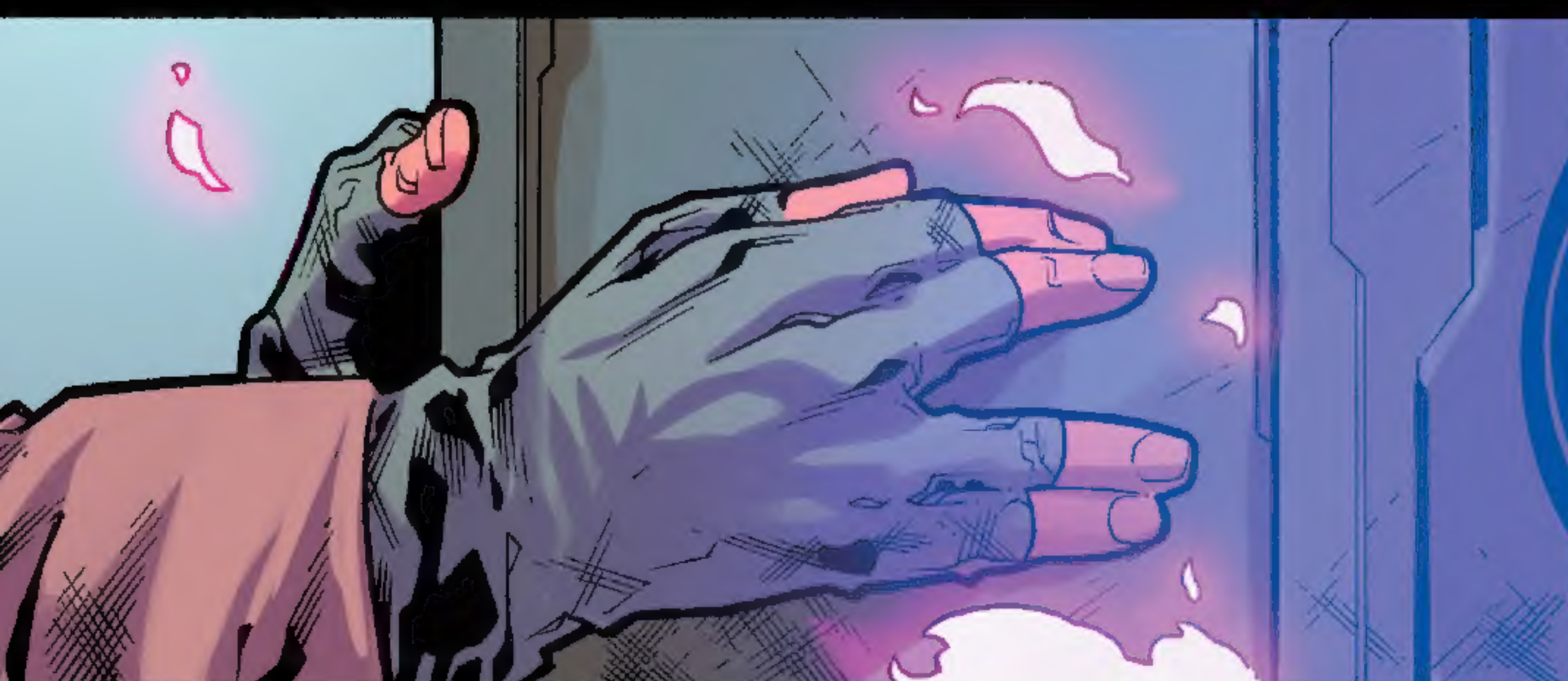
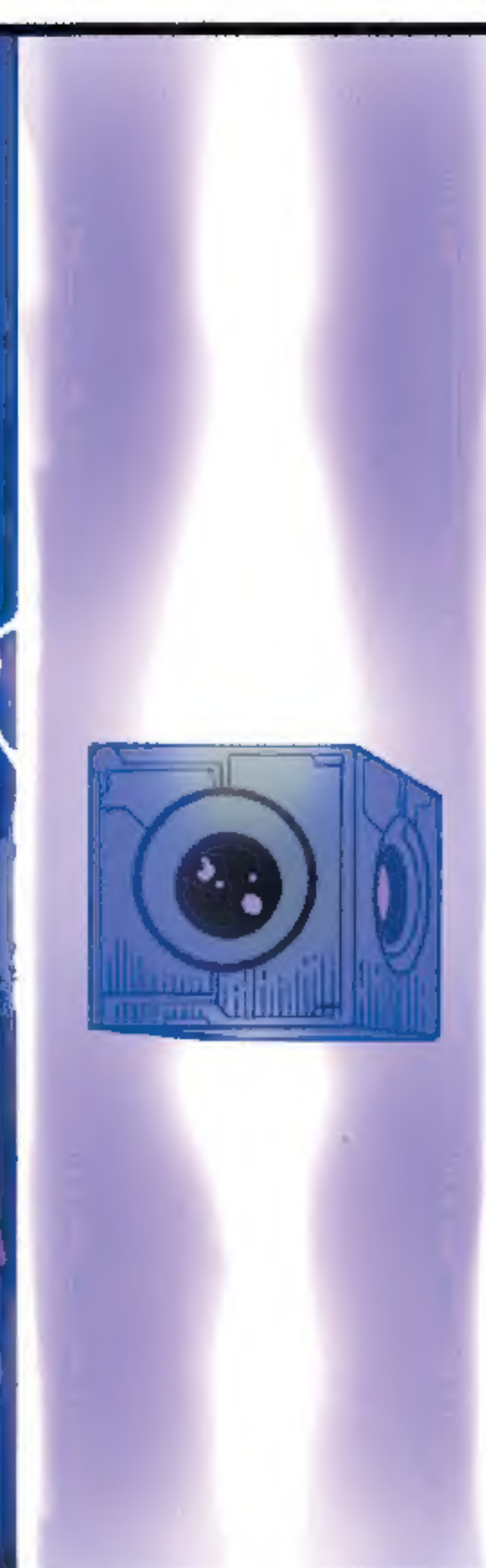
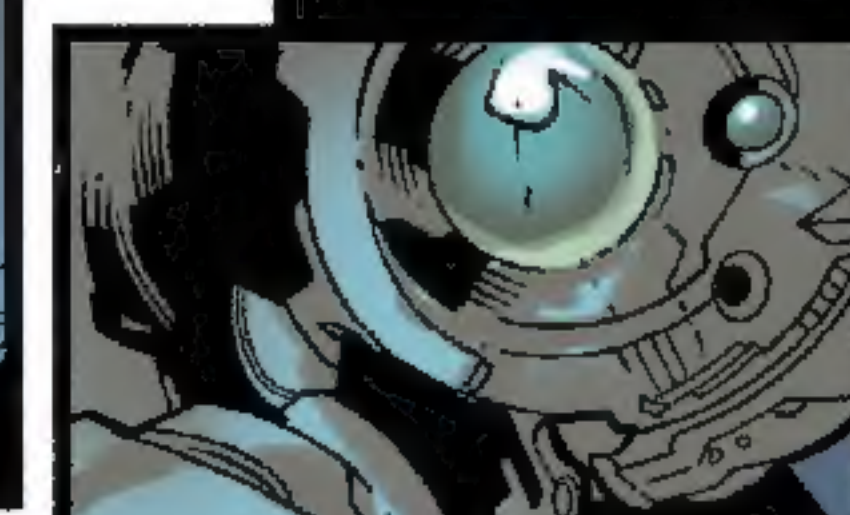


...I KINDA HOLD ALL THE CARDS.

REMY LEBEAU  
A.K.A. GAMBIT:  
MUTANT THIEF.

FSSSSSS KOOOOOM





"GOTCHA."











"JUST SHOWING THEM  
HOW WE CAN BE HELPFUL."

LOGAN. STORM.  
MIND IF I ASK WHAT  
YOU TWO ARE DOING HERE?  
BETTER YET, UNDER  
WHAT AUTHORITY?

THE  
VICTIM'S A  
MUTANT.

AND, WHAT,  
YOU GUYS THE  
MUTANT POLICE  
NOW?

WILL  
THIS SUFFICE,  
DETECTIVE  
MAHONEY?

DIDN'T  
THINK THOSE  
XSE BADGES  
CARRIED WEIGHT  
ANYMORE,  
STORM.

WHAT'S  
THE C.O.D.  
HERE?

INABILITY  
TO FLY AFTER  
FALLING OFF A  
BUILDING.

BUT IT  
WAS THIS  
THAT PROVE  
HIM OFF.

9MM,  
60-GRAIN  
BLENDED METAL  
SLUG. THAT'S  
MILITARY-GRADE  
AMMO.

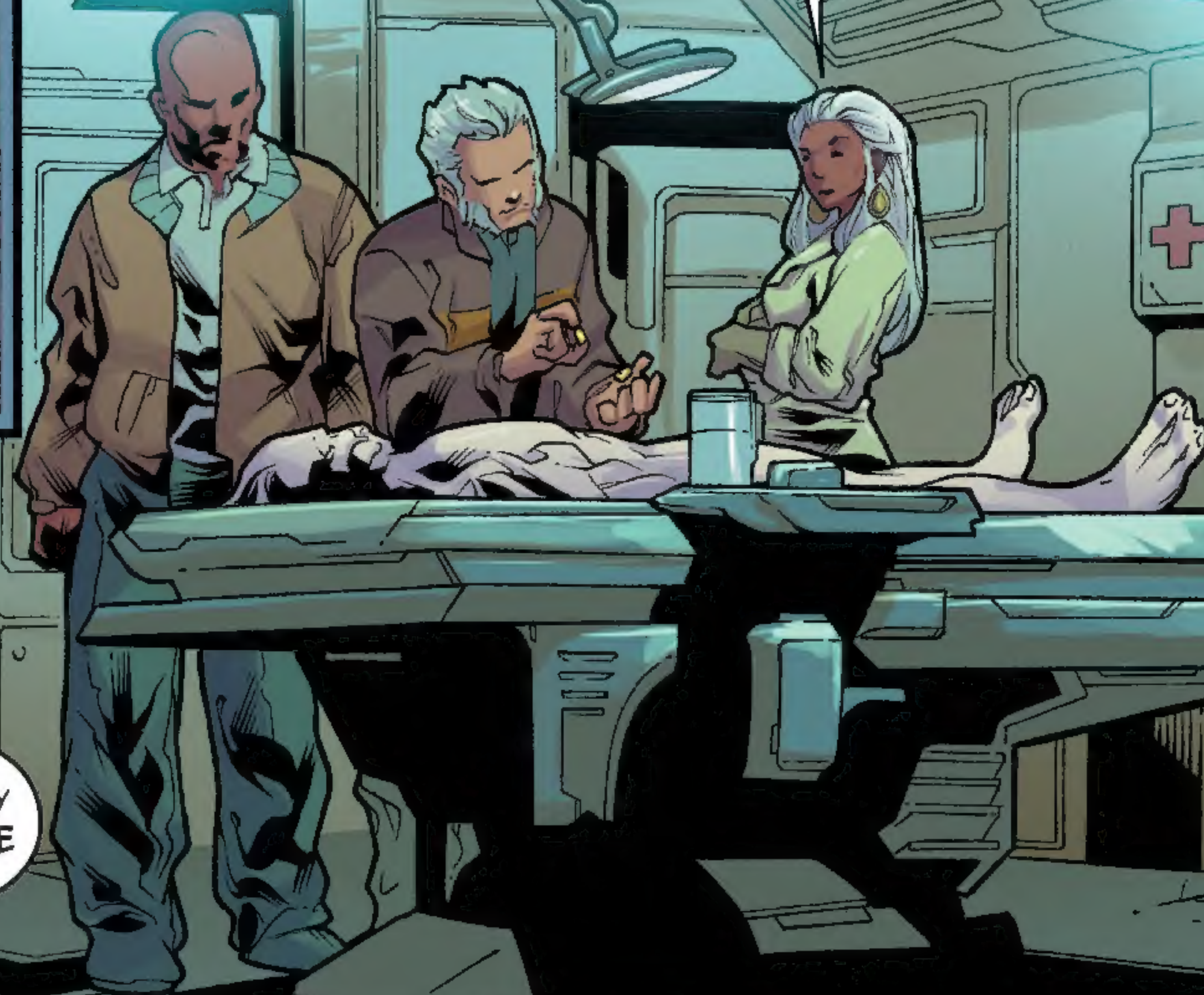




ACTUALLY,  
IT AIN'T.

NOT EVEN  
MILITARY'S  
CLEARED TO USE  
THESE.

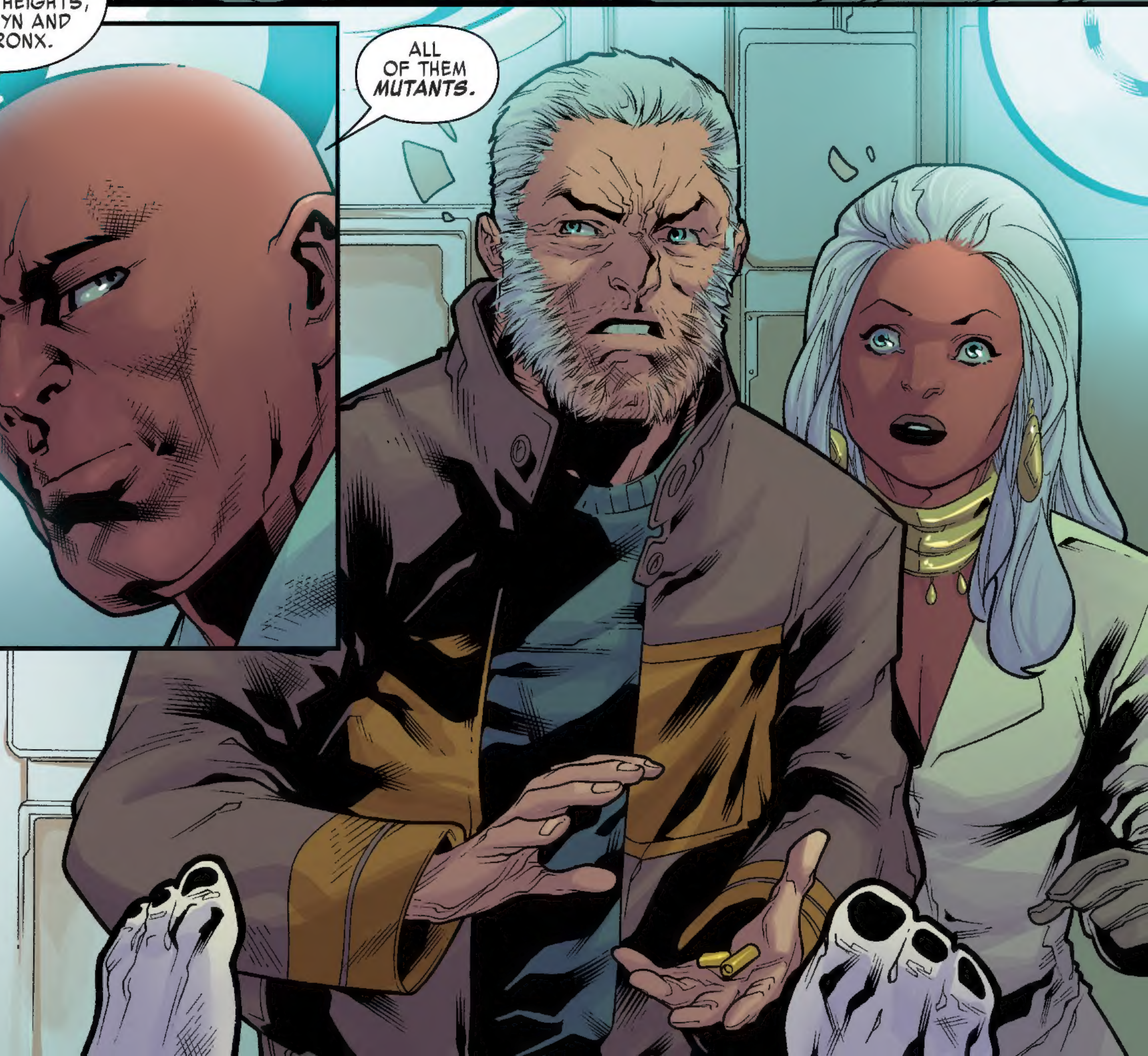
SURELY,  
YOU'VE TRIED  
TO TRACE THE BUYER  
OF SUCH EXOTIC  
AMMUNITION.



AND GOT  
NOWHERE. THE BUY  
WAS MADE OFF THE  
DARK WEB.

BUT THE  
M.O. FITS THREE  
OTHER VICS IN  
JACKSON HEIGHTS,  
BROOKLYN AND  
THE BRONX.

ALL  
OF THEM  
MUTANTS.

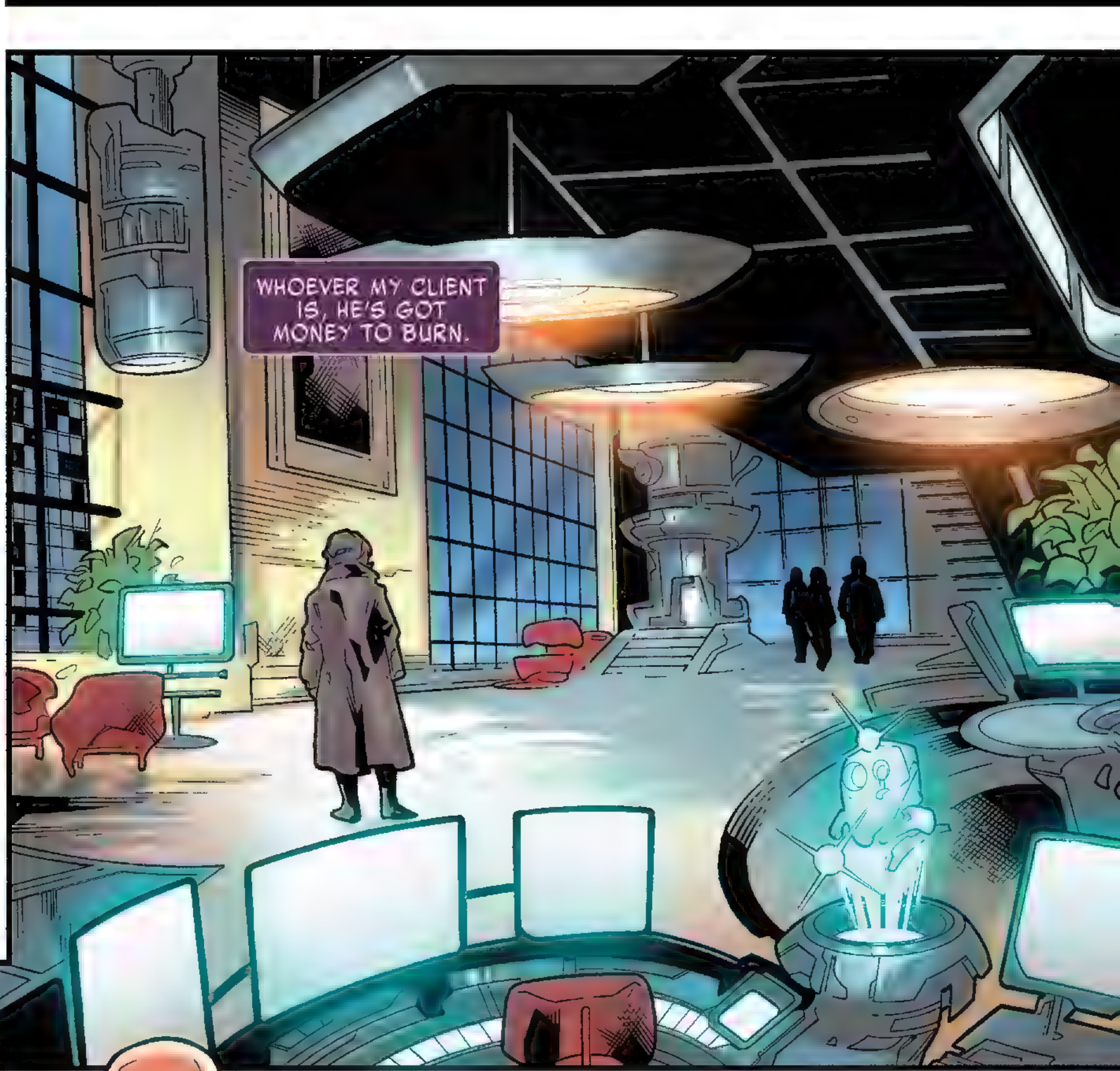






PENTHOUSE ON THE UPPER WEST SIDE

NICE



WHOEVER MY CLIENT IS, HE'S GOT MONEY TO BURN.



OR SHE

MR. LEBEAU?



IN THE FLESH.

SAID AMOUNT OF FLESH IS NEGOTIABLE.



OLIVIA TRASK.

"TRASK"? ANY RELATION TO...?

BOLIVAR TRASK WAS MY GRANDFATHER.

INVENTOR OF THE SENTINELS

OH, NOW THINGS ARE GETTING INTERESTING



DO YOU HAVE THE ITEM?

RIGHT HERE, CHÈRE.

MIND TELLING ME WHAT YOU HIRED ME TO STEAL?

'CAUSE RIGHT NOW, IT'S LOOKING LIKE YOU JUST PAID A WHOLE MESS OF MONEY FOR AN EMPTY VIAL.

BUT IT'S NOT EMPTY.


IT CONTAINS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF NANITES.

MOLECULAR-SIZE ROBOTS.

THEY'RE SELF-REPLICATING AND "SMART SWARM" CAPABLE.


YOU'RE TELLING ME THEY CAN THINK FOR THEMSELVES?





I SAID  
"CAPABLE." THEY  
REQUIRE AN EXTERNAL  
A.I. TO BECOME  
ARTIFICIALLY  
INTELLIGENT.

SOMETHING  
TELLS ME THE  
GRANDDAUGHTER OF  
THE GUY WHO INVENTED  
SENTINELS HAS GOT A  
WAY OR TWO OF  
GETTING THAT  
A.I., NON?



I BELIEVE  
THE FEE WAS  
ONE-HUNDRED  
THOUSAND?

OH, YOU  
CAN KEEP  
THE MONEY,  
CHÈRE.



I TOOK  
THE JOB TO  
SEE WHAT THIS  
STUFF WAS AND  
WHO WANTED IT  
STOLEN.

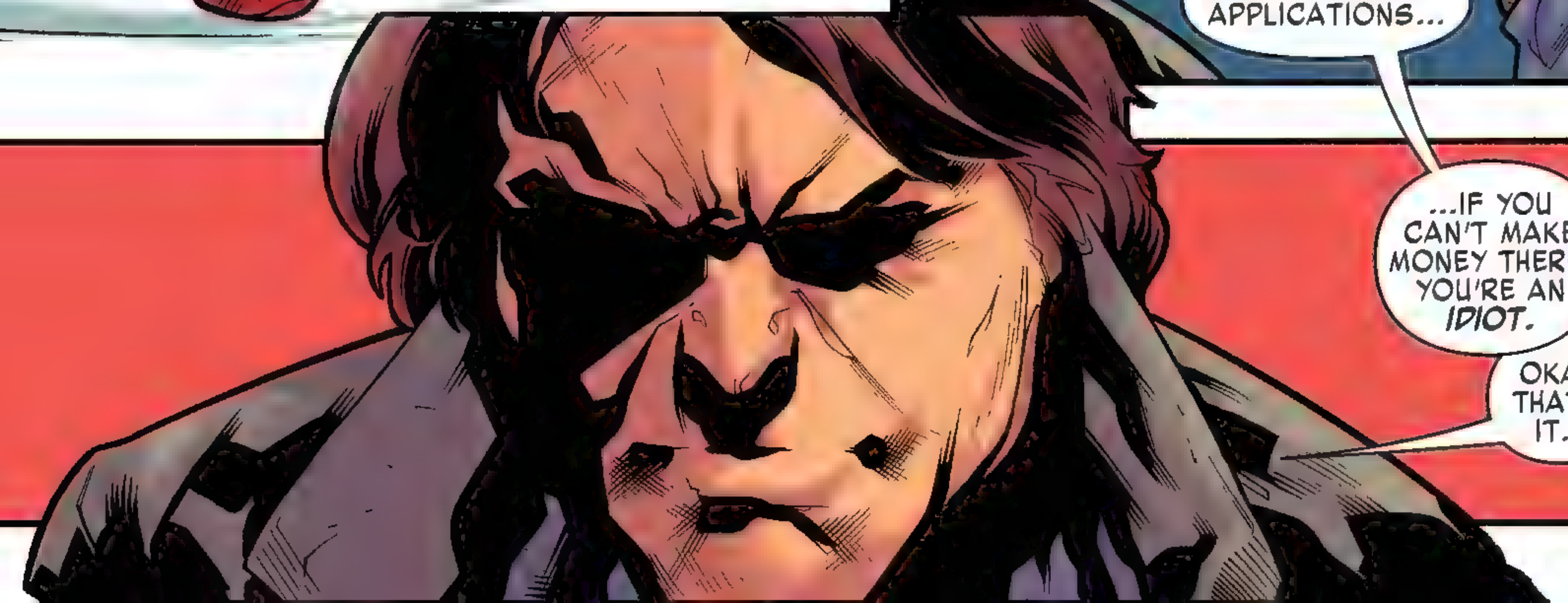


PLANNIN'  
ON MAKING SOME  
NEW KINDA SENTINELS  
OUTTA THOSE  
NANITES, I BET.

NOTHING  
OF THE KIND,  
IN FACT.

THERE'S  
NO PROFIT  
IN KILLING  
MUTIES.

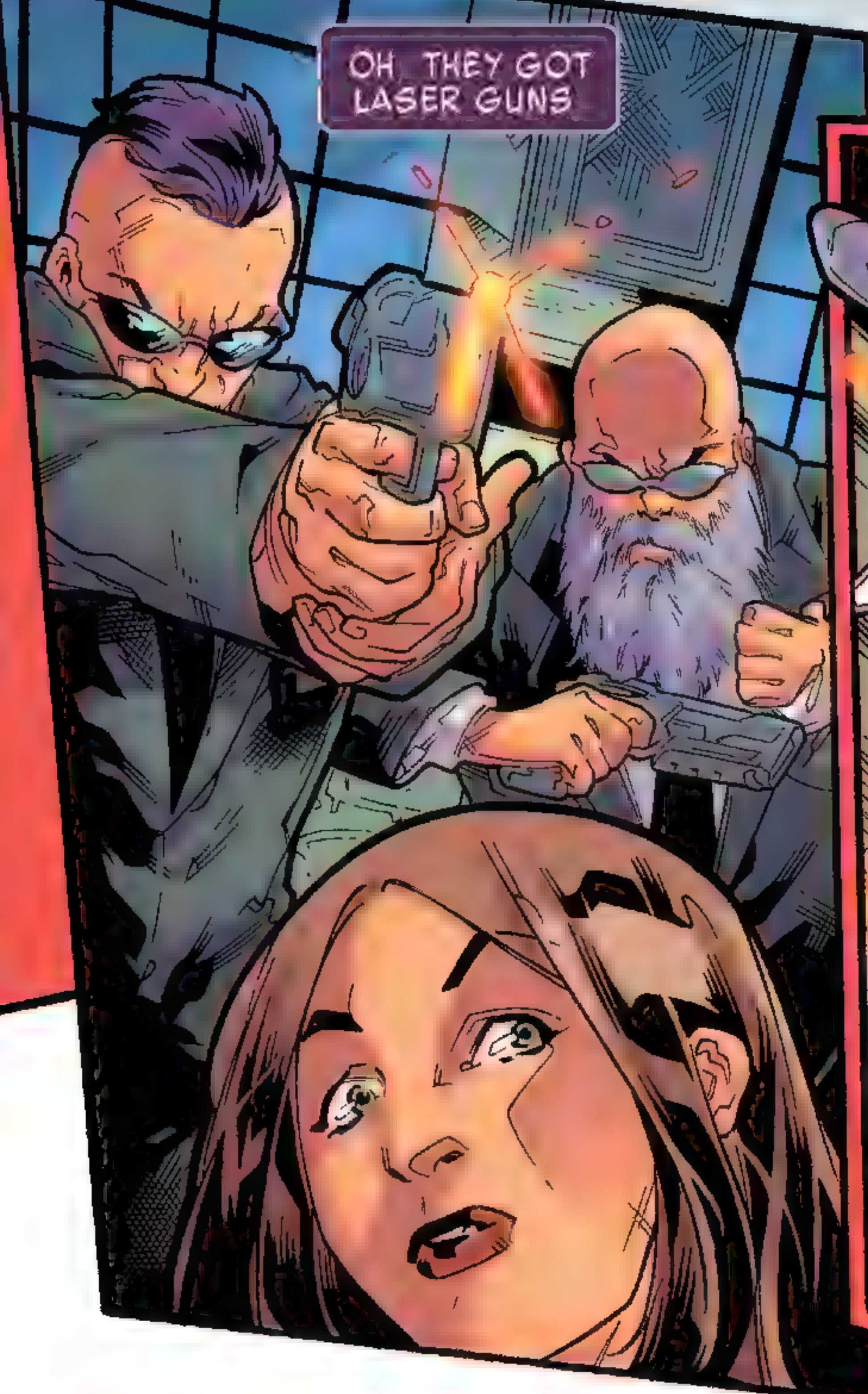
BUT MILITARY  
APPLICATIONS...



...IF YOU  
CAN'T MAKE  
MONEY THERE,  
YOU'RE AN  
IDIOT.

OKAY,  
THAT'S  
IT...







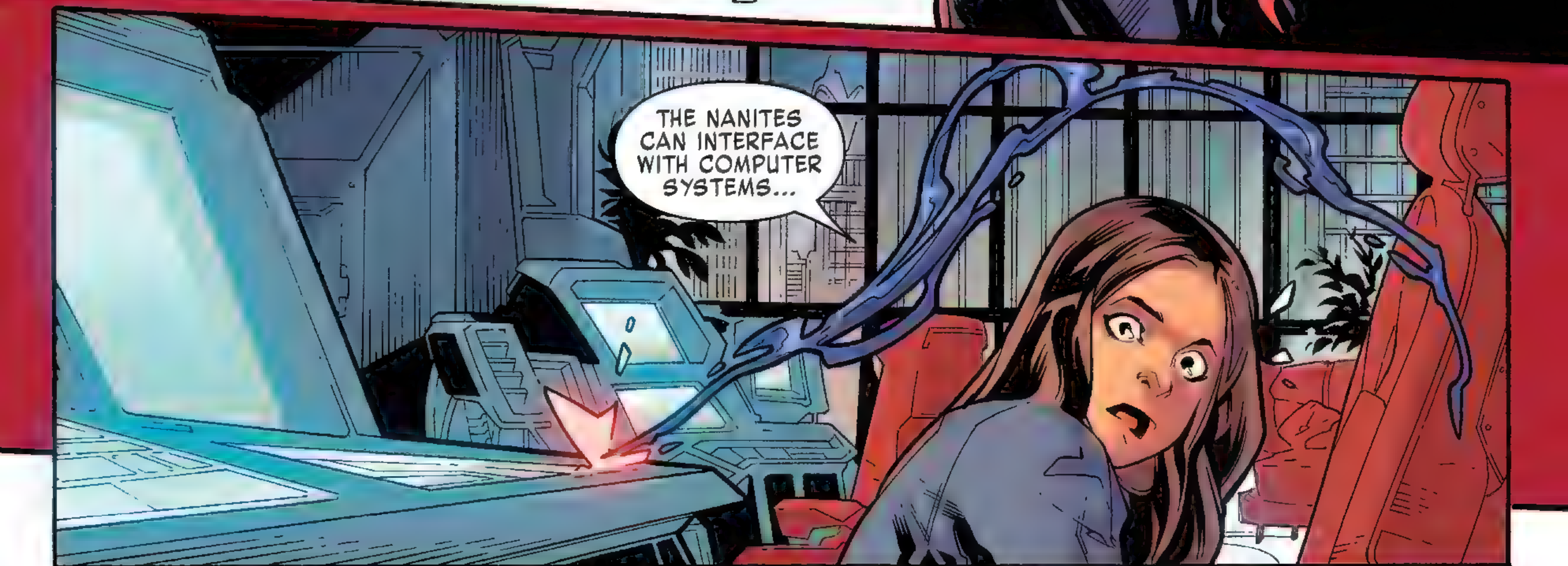


OH MY  
GOD...

YOU  
IDIOT.

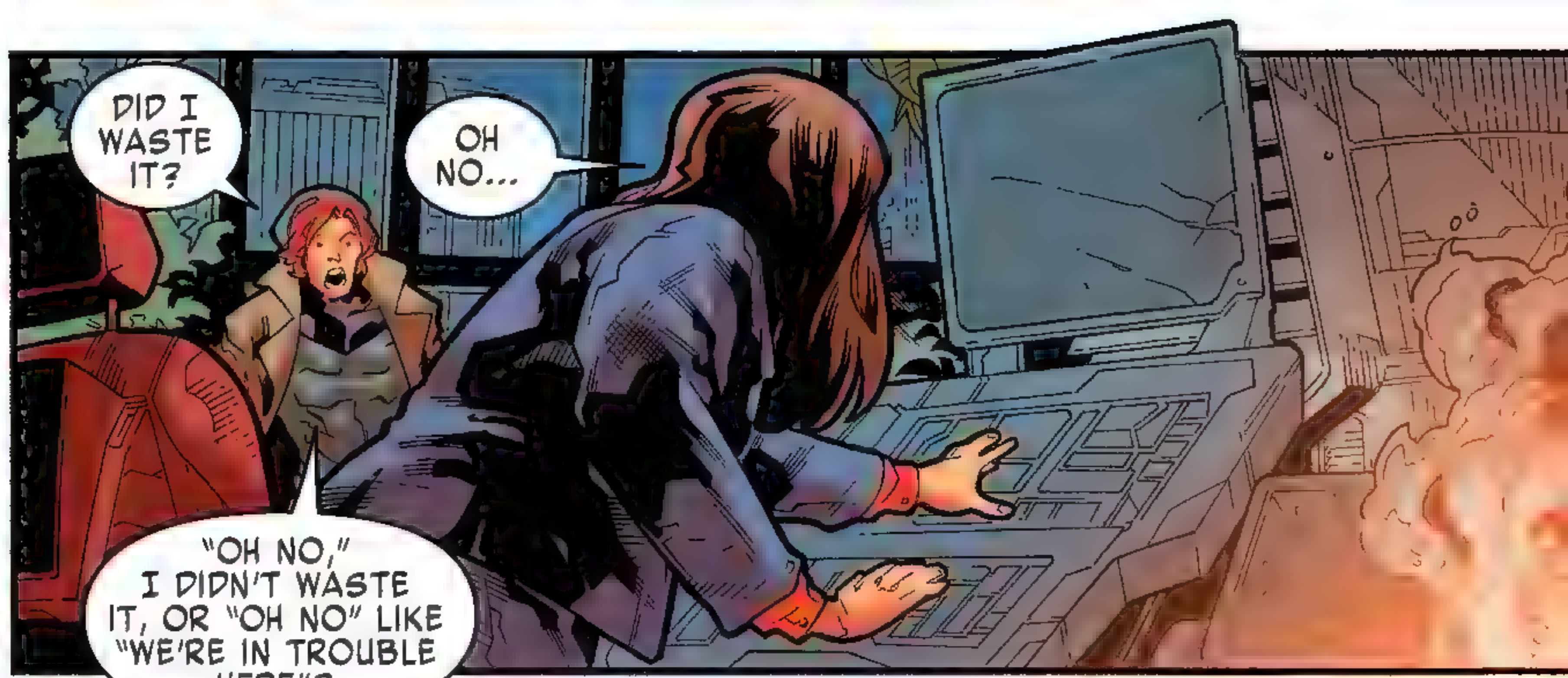


LADY'S  
MESSING WITH  
EXPERIMENTAL  
NANOTECH AND I'M  
THE IDIOT...



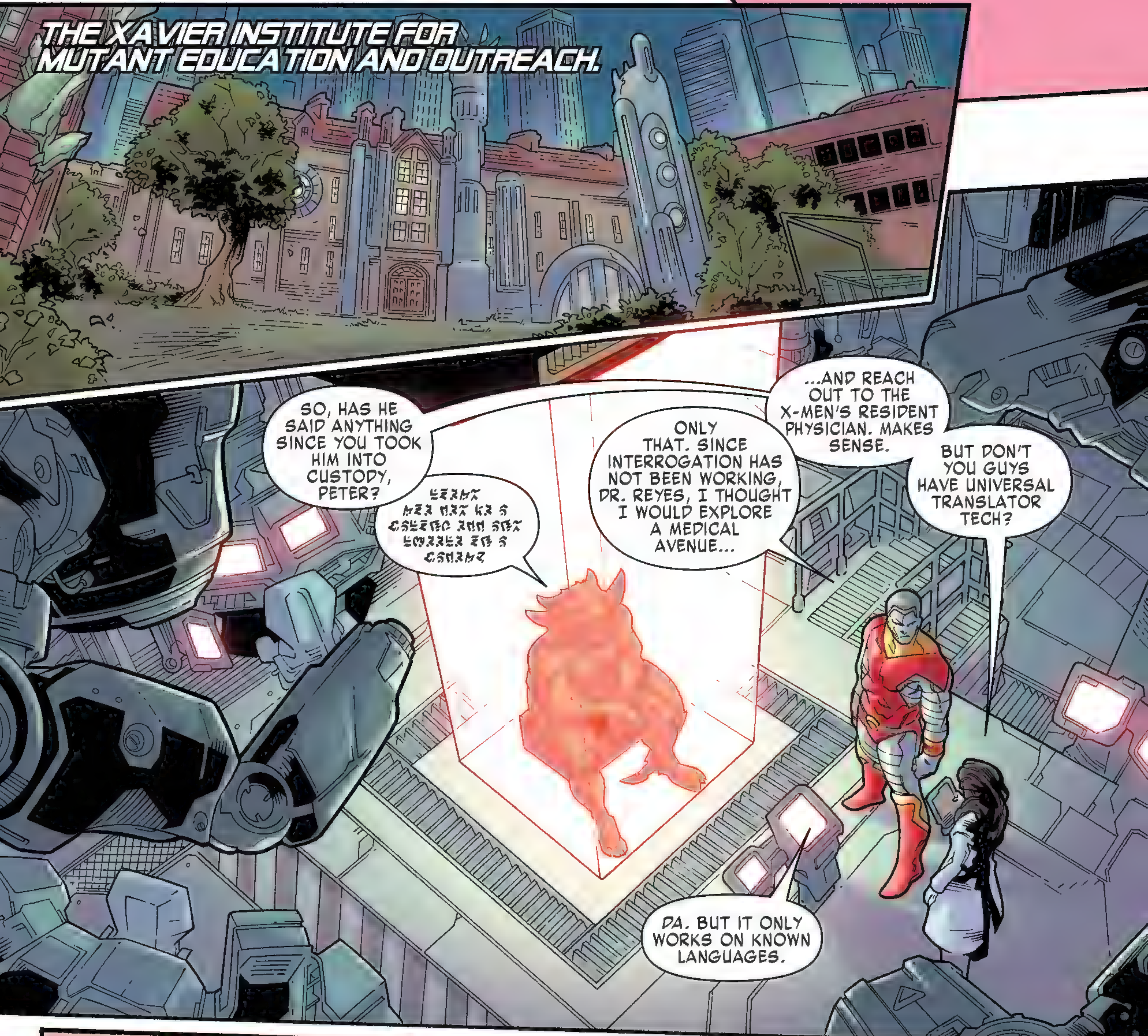
THE NANITES  
CAN INTERFACE  
WITH COMPUTER  
SYSTEMS...







THE XAVIER INSTITUTE FOR  
MUTANT EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.



SO, HAS HE  
SAID ANYTHING  
SINCE YOU TOOK  
HIM INTO  
CUSTODY,  
PETER?

...AND REACH  
OUT TO THE  
X-MEN'S RESIDENT  
PHYSICIAN. MAKES  
SENSE.

ONLY  
THAT. SINCE  
INTERROGATION HAS  
NOT BEEN WORKING,  
DR. REYES, I THOUGHT  
I WOULD EXPLORE  
A MEDICAL  
AVENUE...

BUT DON'T  
YOU GUYS  
HAVE UNIVERSAL  
TRANSLATOR  
TECH?

PA. BUT IT ONLY  
WORKS ON KNOWN  
LANGUAGES.

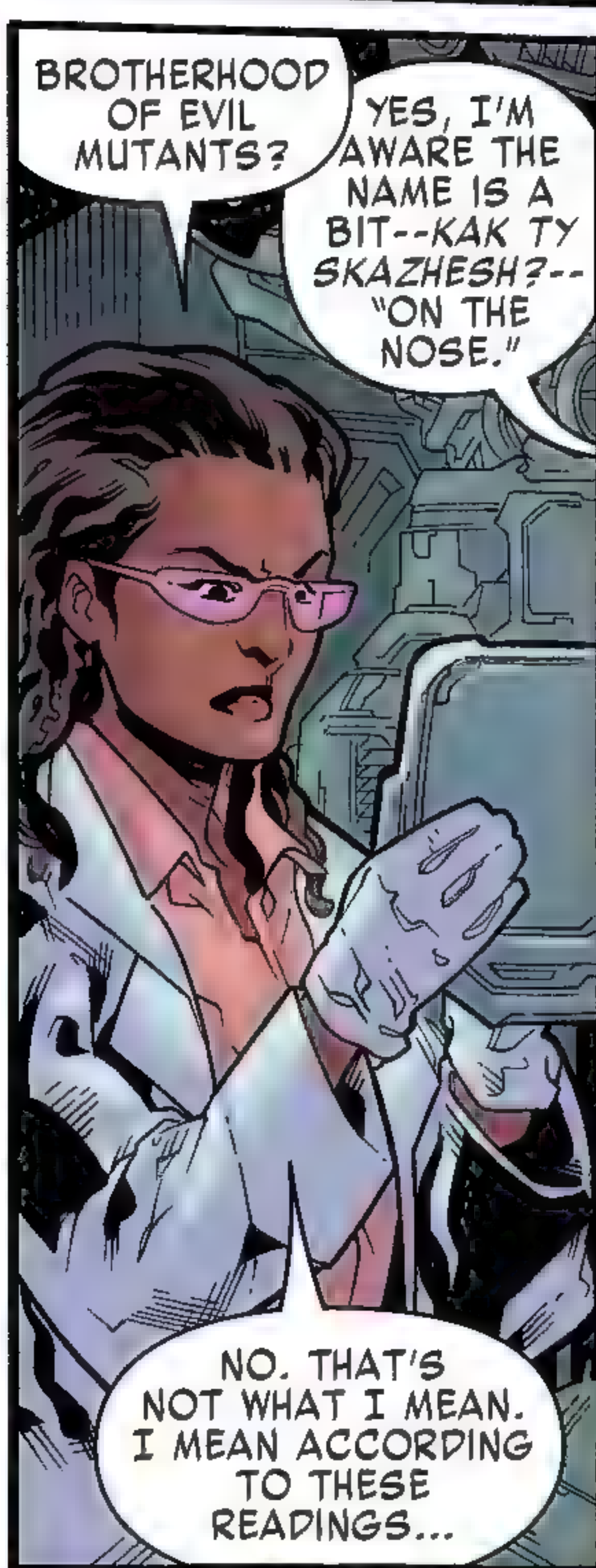


IT  
DOES NOT  
RECOGNIZE  
HIS.

HE WAS  
WORKING WITH  
THE LATEST INCARNATION  
OF THE BROTHERHOOD  
OF EVIL MUTANTS.

BUT SOME  
WERE UNDER  
THE TELEPATHIC  
CONTROL OF  
MESMERO.

WE TOOK  
THIS ONE INTO  
CUSTODY BECAUSE  
WE ARE NOT  
SURE.



BROTHERHOOD  
OF EVIL  
MUTANTS?

YES, I'M  
AWARE THE  
NAME IS A  
BIT--KAK TY  
SKAZHESH?--  
"ON THE  
NOSE."

NO. THAT'S  
NOT WHAT I MEAN.  
I MEAN ACCORDING  
TO THESE  
READINGS...

...HE'S  
NOT A  
MUTANT.







WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HE'S NOT A MUTANT?



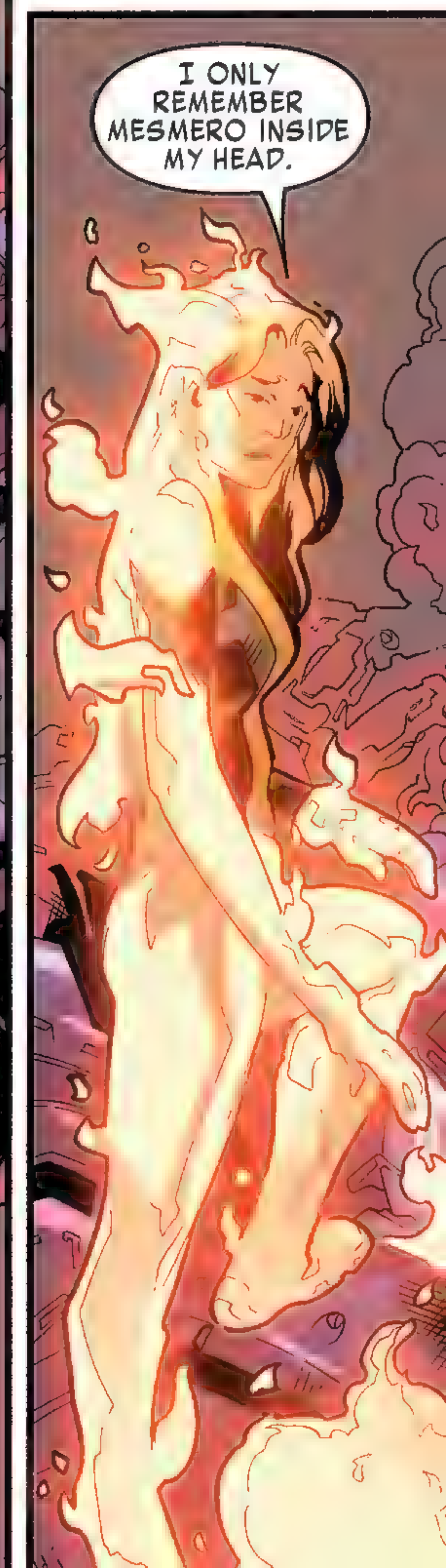
ACCORDING TO DR. REYES, HE'S AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL.

BUT, AMARA, ANYTHING YOU COULD TELL US ABOUT THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS (BUT, TURNS OUT, ALSO ALIENS) WOULD BE A HELP HERE.



I KNOW, BUT...

I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.



I ONLY REMEMBER MESMERO INSIDE MY HEAD.





I'M SORRY, AMARA...

KITTY?



LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW, RACHEL.

SORRY. IT'S GAMBIT. HE SAYS IT'S URGENT.

ALL RIGHT. PUT HIM ON THE LINE.

OH...



"...I THINK I CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT."

PSI-LINK? FANCY.

REMY. BEEN A WHILE.



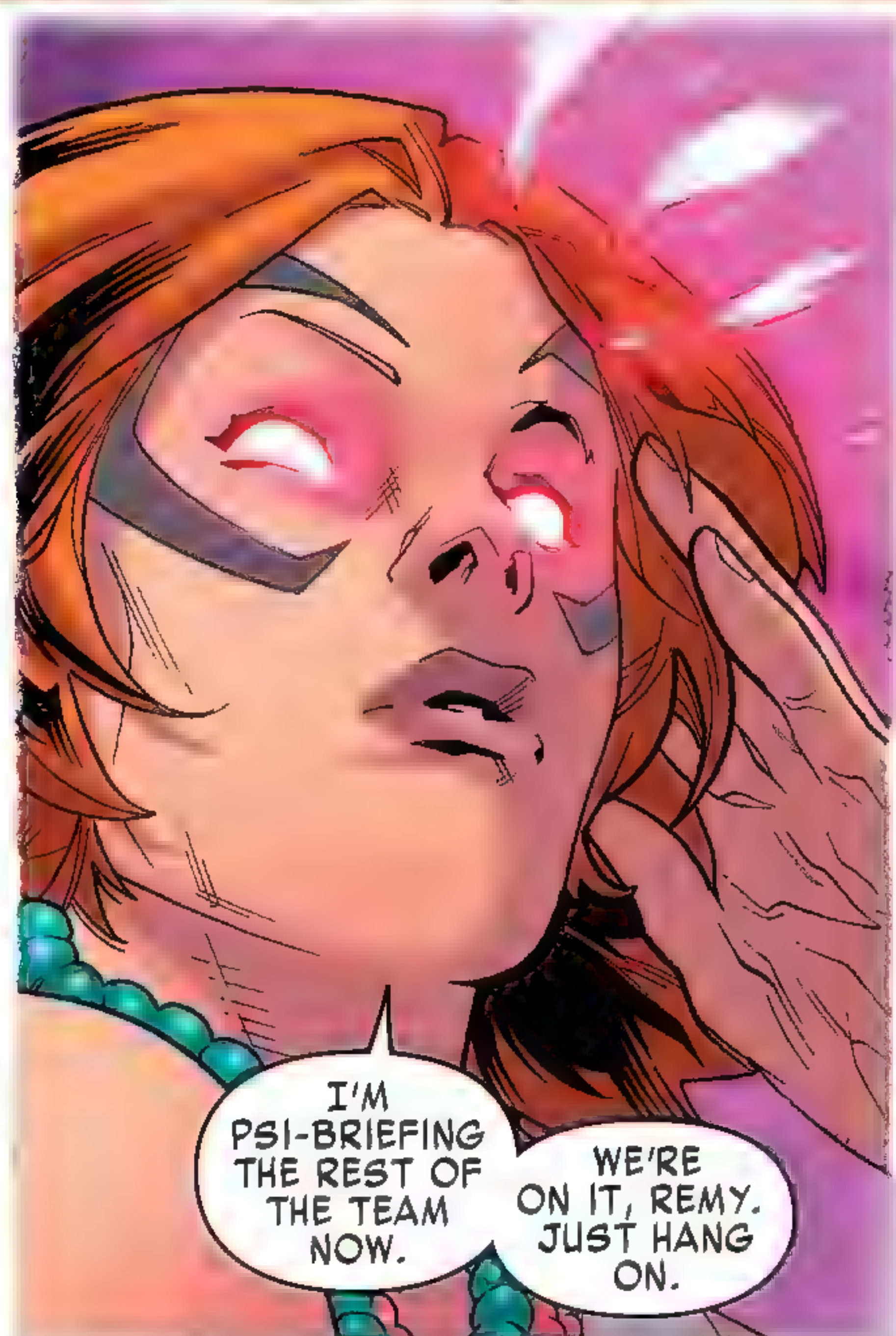
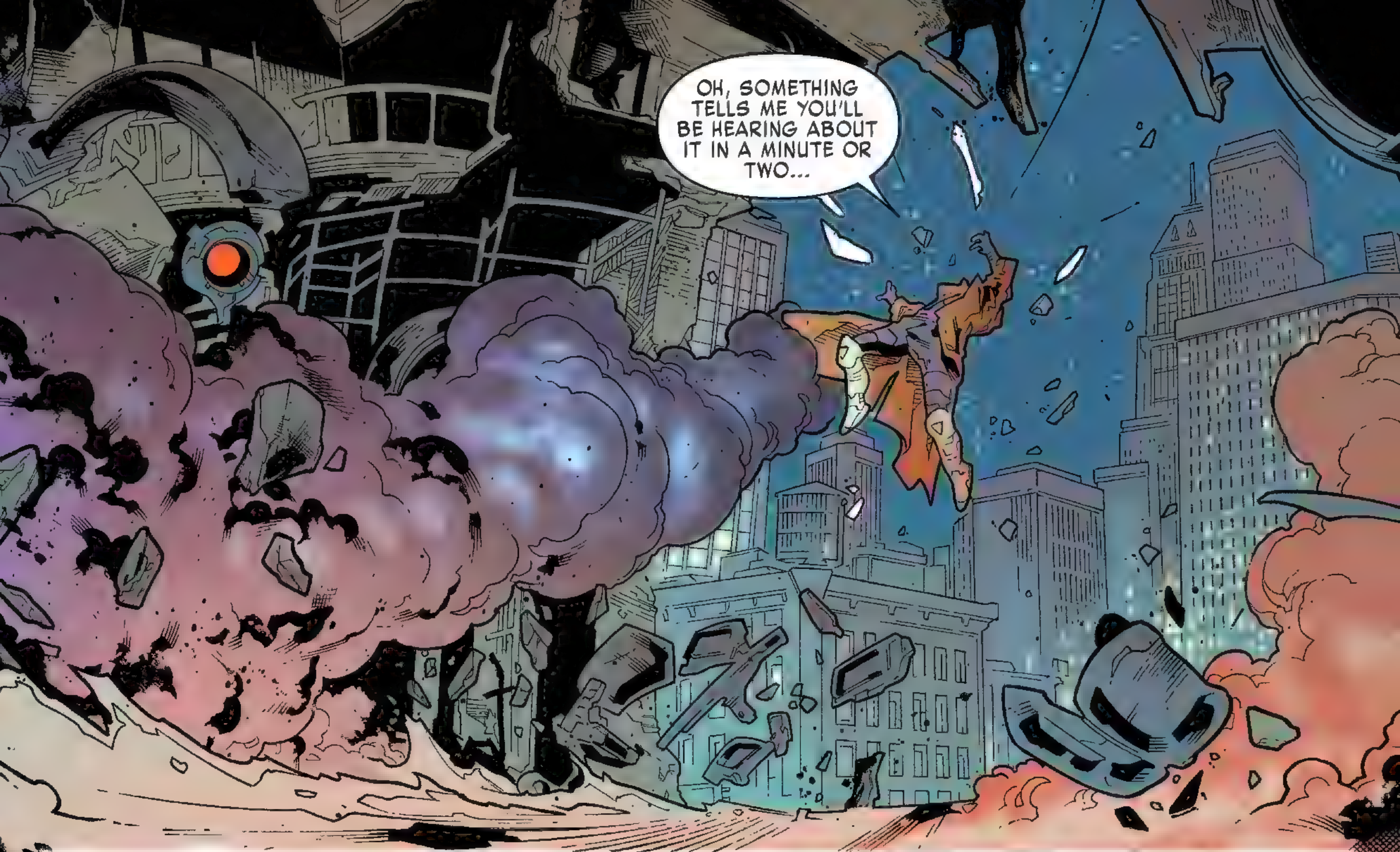
SORRY, THERE, AIN'T GOT TIME FOR PLEASANTRIES. KINDA IN A SPOT OF TROUBLE AT THE MOMENT.

I'M IN MANHATTAN, AND I HEARD TELL YOU GUYS ARE TOO THESE DAYS.

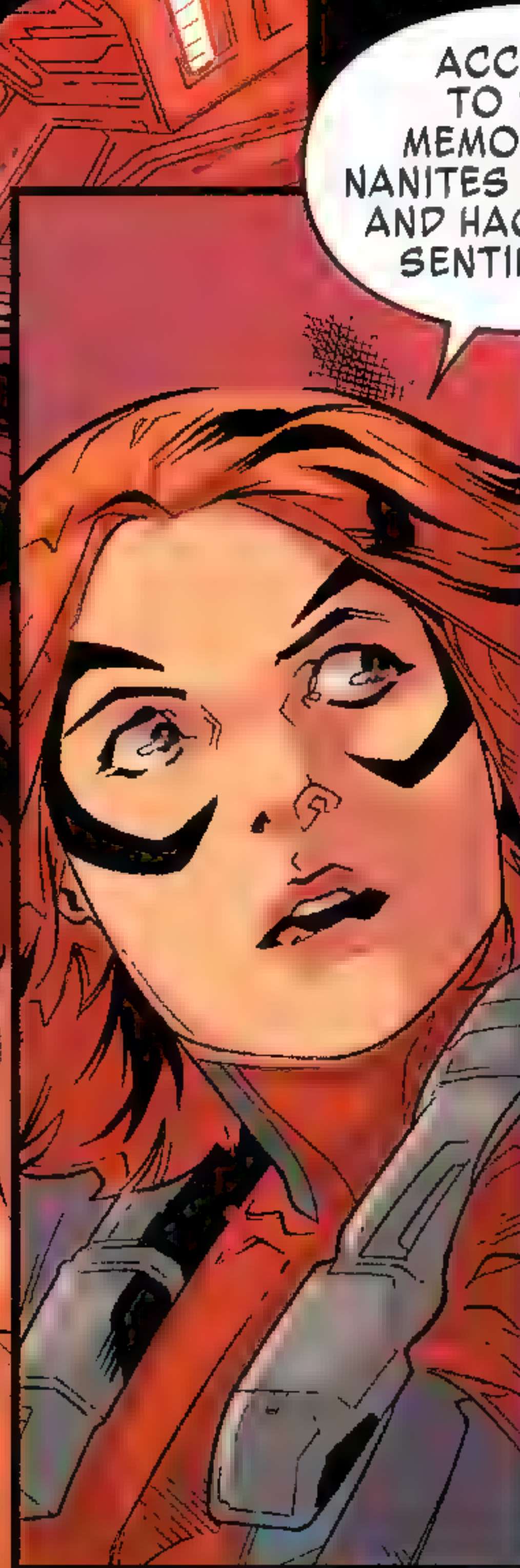


WHERE IN MANHATTAN AND WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE?











THE NANITES  
HAVE MUTATED



**TO BE CONTINUED!**



# HOUSE OF X

#XMENMONDAY has become one of the great joys of this X-Men Group Editor gig. Being able to interact with fans throughout the day is pretty X-ing cool...it's fun, energizing, inspiring (believe it or not) and gives me a sense of what kinds of things you dig...or don't. Interacting with comic book fans is nothing new. Letter columns have been around since the 1940s and, while limited and not very timely by today's standards, they serve the important function of connecting the reader to the editors and creators.

It goes without saying that I can't answer every question, but understand how vital your input is to those of us who work in the House of X. You let us know what you like, what you love and, of course, what you don't. That's valuable. Admittedly, sometimes it stings a bit when you don't like what we've done. And sometimes it gives us that extra spring in our step when you do. And sometimes it's just a plain old delight to read some of the fun stuff you guys write.

So keep making Monday the best day of the week by letting us know what you think (yes, even if it's bad). The connection started all those decades ago with the original letter columns is still very important to us. We make these books for you, and your opinions count.

Speaking of books to comment on, here's our comment-worthy checklist:

## ✓ X-MEN GOLD:

By Marc Guggenheim and R.B. Silva. Kitty Pryde takes charge and leads a new team into a heroic age!  
*Issue #4 on sale now!*

## ✓ X-MEN BLUE:

By Cullen Bunn and Julian Lopez. The time-displaced original five join their greatest enemy, Magneto. Evil mutants, you're toast!  
*Issue #4 on sale 5/24/17!*

## ✓ WEAPON X:

By Greg Pak and Greg Land. The Weapon X program is back, but this time they are building weapons of mutant destruction. Old Man Logan, Sabretooth and a team of stealthy killers take the bloody battle back to them.  
*Issue #3 on sale now!*

## ✓ ALL-NEW WOLVERINE:

By Tom Taylor and Leonard Kirk. A virus from another world threatens to wipe out mankind. Kicking off an epic tale that will take Laura Kinney to the stars.  
*Issue #20 on sale now!*

## ✓ GENERATION X:

By Christina Strain and Amilcar Pinna. Jubilee and a band of mutant misfits in the new Xavier Institute. What could go wrong? EVERYTHING!  
*Issue #1 on sale now!*

## ✓ JEAN GREY:

By Dennis Hopeless and Victor Ibáñez. She's the leader of X-MEN BLUE, but what does she do when she's not leading the O5 in battle? What would you do if you had a premonition of the Phoenix Force returning?  
*Issue #2 on sale next week!*

## ✗ CABLE:

By James Robinson and Carlos Pacheco. A new villain is traveling through time to assemble a doomsday weapon. Cable's most dangerous mission ever!  
*Debuts 5/31/17!*

## ✗ ICEMAN:

By Sina Grace and Alessandro Vitti. The coolest hero on the planet, Bobby Drake the elder, in super-hero solo adventures.  
*Debuts this June!*

## ✗ OLD MAN LOGAN:

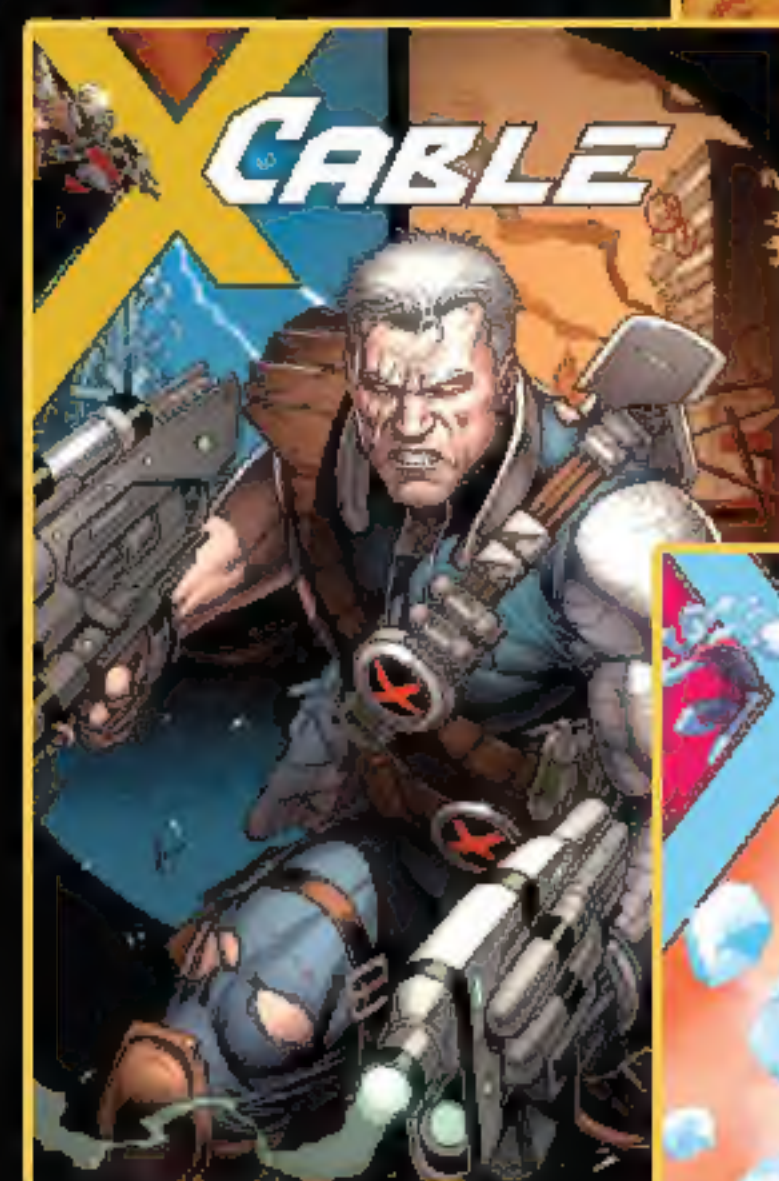
By Ed Brisson and Mike Deodato Jr. The Maestro! Old Man Logan! Deodato! 'Nuff said!  
*First chapter (issue #25) debuts this June!*

## ✗ ASTONISHING X-MEN:

By Charles Soule and a murderers' row of chart-topping and up-and-coming artists. Fan-favorite characters battle one of the X-Men's most dangerous foes!  
*Debuts this July!*

Make sure to let us know your thoughts. You can email us at [officex@Marvel.com](mailto:officex@Marvel.com) (add OK TO PRINT in the subject line). And don't forget about #XMENMONDAY on Twitter, where I'll post some tidbit from one or more of the books and address your questions. I can't guarantee an answer for everybody, but I'll do my darnedest!

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# X-MEN

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## THE GOLD STANDARD

**X-Celsior!**

**Can I say that? Is that a Stan-only thing? Daniel will edit it out if I can't...**

**Welcome to the inaugural edition of... Nope. Not gonna tell you until you get to the end of this letter column. I'm gonna keep you in suspense. Provided, of course, that you don't look at the top of the page.**

**Don't look at the top of the page!**

**Still here? Good. Now, let's get to some letters.**

Hi guys,

I just wanted to write and thank you for the first issue of X-MEN GOLD. For the first time (in what feels like forever), the X-Men feel like themselves. With a line and a pose, you made Nightcrawler sound like Kurt Wagner again, and in a single panel you (writer and artists) brought Kitty to the fore and set the tone for the book. I actually cried reading this issue. I have missed them so much. I think that I've worked out the upcoming arc with the Fox-News-Stand-In-Lady and the new Brotherhood of "Evil" Mutants, but I'm much more interested in the soap-opera aspect of the series that you seem to be laying the groundwork for. Will you keep the focus balanced between all of the characters? I really hope so. EXTRAORDINARY X-MEN was entertaining at times (I LOVED the art) but some of the characters (\*cough\* Nightcrawler \*cough\*) were criminally underused. I'd like to see more of the old team dynamic, in terms of focus. Anyway, I don't expect you to actually print this, but I do think that it's important to let a maker know when you appreciate their art. And I do. Believe me.

I've never written this kind of letter before and I feel a bit silly.

All the best, and keep up the good work!  
Bethany W. Pope

**Thanks for reading, Bethany. To answer your question, yes, my mission it to keep the focus balanced across the entire team, while even still bringing in the occasional additional mutants (like Rockslide and Armor). The other goal is to return to the old team dynamic while at the same time offering up some brand-new ones, such as [CENSORED] kissing [CENSORED].**

It's not very often I cry at a comic book, and normally it's because someone dies, but today I cried tears of joy, hope and happiness. I have waited many years to see an X-Men comic that has everything in it that made them great in the '80s and '90s. I have cursed Marvel many times, tweeting my annoyance and demanding change; I have asked my friends several times why don't the X-Men play baseball anymore and call "no powers"? Why is there no longer comedy? Why is there no romance? To be honest, due to the Fox/Marvel relationship I figured you had written them off. could I heck get the X-Men I loved in a monthly comic. I'd go to cons and wouldn't see any merch.... Being an X-men fan was utter pants!!! That was until today!! I'd heard about the reboot; by this time I'd dropped all the X-Men comics three months beforehand. I started to hear good things--back to basics, team rosters of the X-Men we wanted to see--so I picked up the last issue of EXTRAORDINARY X-MEN and BAM, there it was: X-Men playing baseball. I wept with happiness. Could it be? No, surely not Marvel doing right by us X-fanatics... I was beginning to get very excited for X-MEN GOLD, and ohhhhh boy how right I was. As well as the beautiful art we had a great story, more baseball, romance, character development, humans being rude, everything just ooooooozed what I loved about the X-Men. I'm so happy right now, I love you guys for doing this and I also loved the catch-up pages at the back. I can't wait to read the other X-titles as this one issue has restored my faith in Marvel. I'm ready for nine X-Men comics a month again. Bring back EXCALIBUR and X-FACTOR. Go on, BRING IT!!!! I am just so beyond happy right now.

Kind regards,  
Sunny Sheil

**Thank you, Sunny!**

Hello,

I picked up X-MEN PRIME and decided to pick up X-MEN GOLD when it came out last week to see what's been going on with the X-Men, since it has been years (other than the movies) for me. First, let me say, I started the issue reading Marc's letter in the back, then the issue, then the Road to X-MEN GOLD. So Marc, some people read what's at the end first.

Over the weekend, I Googled Marc's name because it was ringing a bell and when I saw *Eli Stone* knew why. *Eli Stone* was COOL.

Okay, back to business. After reading X-MEN GOLD my first reaction was, "This is the X-Men I grew up with, but not." I like the idea of Kitty as leader, but if you are doing a "Back to the Basics," wouldn't that mean Kitty searches for a new group of mutants to be the X-Men; isn't that what Xavier did originally and in GIANT-SIZE X-MEN #1? Reviewing the Road to GOLD, I thought it was surprising that none of the New Mutants are X-Men. Are they all dead, well, other than Illyana who was in X-MEN PRIME?

Maybe this series will excel. To quote a favorite Time Lord I like: "Time will tell; it always does."

Patrick D. Wait

**Sorry we didn't live up to your expectations, Patrick. That said, Eli Stone was far from a perfect pilot. You stuck with me for that series. Hopefully, you'll stick with me for this one. Either way, thanks for reading and for writing.**

Hello X-MEN GOLD team,

I have to admit I was full of so much joy and nostalgia as I read this first issue. Guggenheim's dialogue for our heroes was spot on. The artwork was not that bad either. I wish you guys all the best with this return to form for everyone's favorite super hero team in comics. I wonder, whose choice was it to introduce a new team of the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants? I have always found it a bit funny that a group that is fighting for mutantkind would call itself "evil." Another thing that has bugged me is that with all the super heroes running around in the Marvel Universe, how can mankind tell who is a mutant or not? Generally, people would just hate anyone with powers. I hope this becomes a discussion as we move forward in the new adventures of the X-Men. My only request is that I would love to see the return of the Mojoverse, the Shi'ar and maybe a new Savage Land adventure in the X-Men books. As you can see, I am a big fan.

Thanks,  
Will Robinson  
Baltimore, MD

**(Don'tmakeaLostinspacejokedon'tmakeaLostinspacejoke-don'tmakeaLostinspacejokedon'tmakeaLostinspacejoke-don'tmakeaLostinspacejoke.)**

**Thanks for writing, Will! For sure, we'll be exploring the nature of anti-mutant bigotry in the Marvel Universe in 2017. You haven't seen the last of Lydia Nance. As for the new Brotherhood of Self-Aware Evil Mutants... Hopefully issue #3 answered that question for you. And expect to see either the Mojoverse or the Shi'ar in these pages soon...**

**Before I go, how many of you looked at the top of the page? I hope you're happy with yourselves...**

**Please keep those emails and letters coming.**

Best,  
Marc Guggenheim  
Los Angeles, California



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X-MEN GOLD #5 IN THREE WEEKS



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**X-MEN BLUE #4**  
NEXT WEEK



**JEAN GREY #2**  
NEXT WEEK



**ICEMAN #1**  
NEXT MONTH





